

**Narrowing Loss at Interstate in four-week period.** Interstate Bakeries sustained a loss of \$4,323,928 in the four weeks ended March 10, which compared with a loss of \$12,834,089 in the four weeks ended Feb. 10, according to an 8-K filed April 25 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Sales in the four weeks ended March 10 were \$223,812,931, up 2% from \$220,598,759 in the previous four-week period. Operating expenses finished at \$109,307,692, down from \$112,459, 565 in the previous period. Ingredients, packaging and outside purchasing costs fell slightly to \$55,359,663 from \$55,755,913, while direct and indirect labor costs also eased, falling to \$39,941,748 from \$40,127,061 in the previous period. I.B.C. recorded charges of \$892,958 during the most recent period from restructuring and reorganization. Charges for professional fees of approximately \$1,787,422, KERP and restructuring bonus plans of \$41,335 and asset impairments of \$5,000 offset a gain on the sale of assets of \$32,573, interest income of \$175,942, adjustments to lease rejection expense of \$323,021 and “other” expenses of \$409,263. I.B.C. posted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of \$6,562,289, which compared with a loss of \$559,621 in the prior period.